

embodiments of the present invention illustrated in Figure 1 and Figure 2. However, the embodiment illustrated in Figure 1 includes one positioning mechanism 20 and a first support arm 68 that supports a first support surface 18. The embodiment illustrated in Figure 2 includes two positioning mechanisms 20, 22, and the first support arm 68 that supports the first support surface 18, and a second support arm 74 that supports the second support surface 75. Stated another way, the embodiment illustrated in Figure 2 includes a plurality of positioning mechanisms 20, 22, and a plurality of support surfaces 18, 75, supported by a plurality of support arms 68, 74. Accordingly, the Applicants submit that examining the embodiments illustrated in Figures 1 and 2 can be done together without performing an additional search by the examiner.

Based on the foregoing, the Applicants assert that the election requirement is improper, and should be withdrawn. Consequently, claims 1-31 should be examined together as required by MPEP 802.01 and 803.

REMARKS

Claims 1-31 are pending in the above-captioned patent application following this amendment. Claims 1-31 were subject to a restriction requirement. Claims 1-15, 18-24 and 26-30 were elected as reading on Species I.

No new matter is believed to have been added by this amendment. Consideration of the Application is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, Applicants respectfully assert that claims 1-31 should be examined together because the election requirement is improper. Alternatively, the Applicants submit that the claims of Species I, comprising claims 1-15, 18-24 and 26-30, should be examined together, and that the claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, an early notice of allowance is respectfully requested. The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at 858-456-1951 for any reason that would advance the instant application to issue.

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